

Bell to Speak at Skills Center Ceremony

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Petitions Seek Vote on City's Renewal Project

Meeting On Park Planned

Plans for the future use of Entradero Sump in the West Torrance area will be considered Wednesday evening when the city's Park and Recreation Commission meets.

The Tordondo Little League and the Bay Cities Bowmen's Club each are seeking use of the sump.

Bernard Dougan, chairman of the commission, said one proposal would provide for the construction of a senior division Little League field in the northwest corner of the sump area.

UNDER A second proposal, an archery range - which would be open to the public - would be built in the area. The Bay Cities Bowmen's Club has offered to erect archery bales and supervise the range, Dougan said. Spokesmen for the archery club said the closest range now open to the public in this area is the Whittier Narrows Archery Range.

BOTH THE Little League field and the archery range would be temporary uses for (See MEETING, Page A-2)

Guns, Cash Taken from Area Home

Guns worth \$275 and \$50 in cash were taken from the home of Donald E. Dickson, 33, of 23215 Benner St., Friday, Torrance police reported. Police said the house had been ransacked by a burglar who pried open a sliding glass door to gain entry.

A 22-caliber carbine, a rifle, and a 12 gauge shotgun were taken, along with the cash.

PRESENT PETITIONS... Twin petitions seeking to place the issue of urban renewal in Torrance on a special city ballot were turned over to City Clerk Vernon W. Coll Thursday. Each of the petitions has been signed by more than 5,000 voters, according to spokesmen for Active Citizens of Torrance, the group which circulated them. Presenting the petitions to Coll are (from left) Mrs. Virginia Sewell, Mrs. Jeannette Altermatt, and Mrs. Carmen Riviera. (Press-Herald Photo)

Inglewood Fault Poses Some Quake Threat Here

The most significant earthquake threat to residents of the South Bay-Harbor area could be the Inglewood Fault.

So said Miss Joan Baldwin, geologist at a luncheon meeting of the South Bay-Harbor Industry-Education Council Thursday.

Miss Baldwin, a former staff geologist at Shell Oil Co., has been a member of the El Camino faculty for the past nine years. She said the Inglewood Fault runs from Newport Beach to Beverly Hills.

THE FAULT, which she described as more of a zone containing many different

faults than a straight line, can be identified by uplifts at Signal Hill, Dominguez Hills, Rosecrans Hills, Baldwin Hills, and Beverly Hills.

Although the fault lies closest to this area, and therefore poses a threat by proximity, there have not been any displacements on the surface of the fault zone in recent years, she stated. Activity in the 30-million year-old fault has taken place deep in the earth.

Most recent activity took place in Torrance in 1941. Prior to that, there were earthquakes in Long Beach in 1933 and in Inglewood in 1921, she said.

earthquake will take place on the most recent fault scarps, she pointed out.

Consequently, she added, planners are now beginning to learn to develop their communities accordingly, utilizing fault scarp land for such things as parks, cemeteries, golf courses, campsites, and highways, rather than locating buildings on potential earthquake sites.

Still needed, she explained, is emphasis on avoiding locations known to be potential landslide areas.

PRESENTLY, she said, the United States Geological Survey See QUAKES, Page A-2

Ballot Measure Sought

Two petitions seeking to put the entire issue of urban renewal in Torrance on a special municipal ballot were handed to City Clerk Vernon W. Coll Thursday by members of Active Citizens of Torrance (ACT).

The petitions, circulated in the city for the past six months, were signed by more than 5,000 voters, ACT spokesmen said.

The twin petitions seek to place on a special city ballot the city's uniform housing code and the ordinance which

Meeting Called

Members of the city's Redevelopment Agency were scheduled to meet in special session at 6 p.m. yesterday. They were expected to consider and complete paper work providing for a \$3.5 million federal grant to finance the Meadow Park Redevelopment Project.

created the city's Redevelopment Agency, which is administering the Meadow Park Redevelopment Project.

COIL SAID 10 women had been employed to begin checking the signatures for validity. He also said he will ask the City Council Tuesday for a special \$1,600 appropriation to finance the work.

Mrs. Jeannette Altermatt told Coil Thursday that ACT is seeking only to "let the people decide the issue of urban renewal in Torrance."

She also said the six-month drive had netted more than 8,600 signatures on the petition seeking to repeal the Uniform Housing Code. Some 8,400 signed the second petition, she reported.

THE HOUSING code was adopted by the City Council (See RENEWAL, Page A-2)

Solon to Preside At Groundbreaking

Congressman Alphonzo Bell (R-28th District) will be the featured speaker at the Oct. 6 groundbreaking ceremony for the Southern California Regional Occupational Center (SCROC), it was announced today.

Ceremonies are scheduled for 11 a.m. Oct. 6 at the SCROC site, 2300 S. Crenshaw Blvd., according to Dr. Wayne Butterbaugh, superintendent of the center.

Dr. John T. Mendel, general manager of the Hughes Electronics-Dynamics Division here, is chairman of the committee which is planning the groundbreaking festivities.

CONGRESSMAN Bell is a

ranking member of the House Education and Labor Committee, Dr. Mendel pointed out. "He has been very active in supporting legislation assisting the development of new approaches in education. The center certainly represents a new approach to some old problems and it's very appropriate to have him with us at the groundbreaking."

Tools Taken

A power lawn mower, tools, and tool boxes were taken from a garage at 2735 W. 232nd St., Friday, owner Clarence Day told Torrance police. Day estimated the loss at \$450.

SCROC will open in temporary facilities in February and will eventually provide training for some 12,000 young people and adults in six school districts in Southwest Los Angeles County.

FUNDS FOR the initial planning came from the federal government.

Bell, who has represented the 28th Congressional District since 1960, is a native son of Los Angeles. He also is a member of the House Science and Astronautics Committee. Four of the six school districts cooperating to organize the center are located in Bell's district.

Summer in Italy Now a Memory

Editor's Note: Robin Newcomer, whose column, "Warrior Trails," is a regular feature of the Press-Herald during the school year, spent the summer in Italy as an American Field Service Exchange student. This is the last of a series of articles which she has written for the Press-Herald about her experiences and impressions in Italy.)

By ROBIN NEWCOMER
Special to the Press-Herald

My Italian adventure has unfortunately come to a close. Unlike my preceding articles, this one has not been written "as it was happening" but covers my afterthoughts on my experience. So much has happened to me this summer and I will feel the results of my two months abroad probably for the rest of my life.

My understanding of the Italian people has increased tremendously. The friendly people who went out of their way to make me feel comfort-

able in their country have made an impression on my mind that will never be erased.

I had read and heard people say that Italy is not a prosperous country, especially in the south. This summer I had the chance to see first hand what the books describe. In recent years the government has been spending money in the south, but results of the government spending are hard to find. People still live in rundown cities and dilapidated homes.

My family and the friends of my family lived much better than most of the people in Catanzaro. My first assumption upon seeing my home for the summer was that the conditions in the south are not really that bad after all. Unfortunately, I soon learned that just down the street only a few houses were people whose living conditions were very bad.

Even though, some of the

people I got to know the best had two cars, a television, radio, and electrical appliances, they realize that they are poor compared to American standards. Unfortunately a lot of people do not really feel they should help build up the south. Instead, they have dreams of coming to the United States and leading a better life with better paying jobs and more opportunities.

There doesn't seem to exist in Italy a strong feeling of patriotism. My family was surprised to learn that we in school say the Pledge of Allegiance every morning and that whenever the national anthem is played the people stand. Perhaps their lack of patriotism is due to the fact that in many of the wars Italy has been involved in she has been conquered. Perhaps it is because the north and south are not really united because of the difference in economic growth.

My friends were really not affected by the Italian prob-

lems, however. They knew how to have a good time and I found that Italian teenagers enjoy most of the things we do. They like to spend time at the beach, listening to records, at parties, or dancing. Single dates are non-existent for them, however, until they are in their early 20s. Up until this time they go out in mixed groups, which can really be a lot of fun.

I feel even if I do go abroad again my experience will never be as meaningful and exciting as this first time. The unique opportunity of living with a family and as they do is tremendous because you see things and people as they really are. Without the American Field Service this trip would have not been and I am very grateful for having such a great chapter in Torrance.

I wish all this year's Americans Abroad candidates a lot of luck and if they are one of the finalists that are placed, the best summer ever.

RECENT findings show that there is a high degree of probability that the next

Rites Held For Former Resident

Funeral services were held yesterday in Hemet, Calif., for a former Torrance street superintendent who died Wednesday in that desert community.

Addis Eugene Thomas, who was 79, had moved to Hemet about seven years ago. He served for many years as street superintendent here.

A member of the Anchor Masonic Lodge 273 of Compton, Mr. Thomas was born Nov. 5, 1887, in Compton.

He is survived by his widow, Mary Elsie Thomas, of 26892 Girard Ave., Hemet, and a son, Carl, also of the Hemet address.

The Rev. Stanley Benson of the Union Church of San Jacinto and the Hemet Masonic Lodge officiated at the rites. Burial was in San Jacinto Valley Cemetery.

Safety Council to Meet

Paul Mackey, child welfare and attendance consultant for the Torrance Unified School District, and Robert Ellsworth, assistant consultant, will present a program on "School and Student Safety" at a meeting of the Torrance Safety Council Monday, Oct. 2. The luncheon meeting, open to the public, is scheduled at noon at the Indian Village Restaurant, 4020 Pacific Coast Hwy. Reservations may be made by calling the Torrance City Hall.

Name New UC President

Charles J. Hitch, 58, a former assistant secretary of defense and since 1965 a vice president of the University of California, was named president of the University Friday at a meeting of the Board of Regents. Hitch, who will assume his new post next Jan. 1, succeeds Dr. Clark Kerr. The new president served as grand marshal of the Torrance Armed Forces Day Parade in May, 1965. It was during that visit to this city that it was learned Hitch would leave government service to become a vice president of the University. His appointment Friday was unanimous.

Council Session Scheduled

Torrance City Councilmen will convene at 8 p.m. Tuesday for a regular meeting. The council is scheduled to consider master plan revisions calling for the alignment of Madrona Avenue between 229th Place and Lomita Boulevard and of Maple Avenue between 235th Street and Lomita Boulevard. The meeting will be held at the Torrance City Hall, 3031 Torrance Blvd.